

Title 3, Chapter 16, Diseases of Animals, Part I. Louisiana State Livestock Sanitary Board, §2091, Louisiana State Livestock Sanitary Board

- A. The Louisiana State Livestock Sanitary Board is hereby created within the Department of Agriculture. The board shall be domiciled in Baton Rouge.
- B. The board shall consist of the following fifteen members appointed by the commissioner of agriculture and forestry in accordance with the following provisions:
 - (1) One member appointed from a list of three persons nominated by the Louisiana Auction Markets Association.
 - (2) One member appointed from a list of three persons nominated by the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation.
 - (3) One member appointed from a list of three persons nominated by the Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association.
 - (4) One member who is a breeder of purebred cattle appointed from a list of three persons nominated by the Louisiana Cattlemen's Association.
 - (5) One member who is a breeder of commercial cattle appointed from a list of three persons nominated by the Louisiana Cattlemen's Association.
 - (6) One member appointed from a list of three persons nominated by the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders' Association.
 - (7) One member appointed from a list of three persons nominated by the Louisiana Swine Producers' Association.
 - (8) One member appointed from a list of three persons nominated by the Louisiana Sheep Producers' Association.
 - (9) One member appointed from a list of three persons nominated by the Louisiana Poultry Improvement Association. (LA Poultry Federation)
 - (10) One member appointed from a list of three persons nominated by the commissioner of agriculture.
 - (11) One member representing the meat industry appointed from a list of three persons nominated by the Independent Meat Packers Association.
 - (12) One dairy farmer to be selected from persons nominated by organized dairy cooperatives domiciled in Louisiana, each of which cooperatives may nominate one dairy farmer.
 - (13) One member who is a livestock dealer appointed from the livestock dealers permitted by the board.
 - (14) One member who is a poultry grower appointed from a list of three persons nominated by the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation.
 - (15) One member who is an exotic animal farmer licensed pursuant to R.S. 3:3102.
- C. The commissioner of agriculture and forestry shall serve on the board as *ex officio* member with the same rights, powers, duties, responsibilities, and privileges as appointed members.
- D. Members shall be appointed for terms which shall end at the same time as the term of the commissioner making the appointment. Members shall serve until

their successors in office are appointed and sworn in. Each member shall take and subscribe to the oath of office prescribed for state officers.

- E. (1) Members shall be appointed no later than the sixtieth day after the commissioner takes office, or the sixtieth day after a vacancy occurs, or the sixtieth day after nominations are received by the commissioner, whichever is later.
(2) The initial appointment of the member who is an exotic animal farmer shall be no later than the sixtieth day after August 15, 1997. Thereafter, such appointment shall be made pursuant to Paragraph (1).
- F. Each appointment by the commissioner shall be submitted to the Senate for confirmation.
- G. Vacancies in the offices of the members shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments for the unexpired portion of the term of the office vacated.
- H. A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. All official actions of the board shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the board. However, no member may vote to deny a charter, permit, or license to any person applying for such if the applicant would be in direct competition with the member's business operation.
- I. Members may designate representatives to attend meetings of the board. Members who appoint representatives shall provide notice to the board of such action. Representatives shall present written authorization, signed by a member, to the board prior to attending a meeting. Representatives shall not have voting rights.
- J. The board, by a vote of two-thirds of the members, may expel a member who has accumulated three consecutive unexcused absences from board meetings.
- K. Members of the board shall not receive any salary for their duties as members. Members may receive a per diem for each day spent in actual attendance of meetings of the board or of duly appointed committees or subcommittees of the board. The amount of the per diem shall be fixed by the board in an amount not to exceed forty dollars. Members may receive a mileage allowance for mileage traveled in attending meetings. The mileage allowance shall be fixed by the board in an amount not to exceed the mileage rate for state employees.
- L. The board shall meet quarterly and may meet on the call of the chairman or upon the request of any three members. The board shall not meet more than twelve times in any calendar year.